

**MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 09, 2003**

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 09, 2003, in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Davis presided; Mr. Cullum gave the invocation; Mr. Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	George H. Smokey Davis	William C. Billy Derrick
	Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
	M. Todd Cullum	Bruce E. Rucker
	Jacob R. Wilkerson	John W. Carrigg, Jr.

Absent: Joseph W. Joe Owens

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Presentations - Mr. Bickley, Landscape Administrator, presented a framed "Certificate of Appreciation" to Mr. Wade Keisler, Hope Ferry Center; Dr. Beverly A. Farley, Ms. Rebecca Majors, Mota Corporation; and Bank of America for their efforts in protecting the trees, soil, and water in the landscaping of their businesses in Lexington County.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Jan Burbage and Randy Munsch, Systems Analysts, in Information Services were recognized for their work in creating a program that would assist Building Services with tracking of work orders.

Tonya Mealing, Cashier Clerk, in the Treasurer's office was recognized for her assistance with an individual who had an emergency need to pay his delinquent taxes, and the professional manner in which she handled his request.

Resolutions - Bob Mooneyhan - A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Rucker that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Derrick

Appointment - Library Board - Evelyn Faulk - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Ms. Faulk to the Library Board.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Cullum

Museum Commission - Margaret Strawhorn - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Cullum to reappoint Ms. Strawhorn to the Museum Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker

Athletic Commission - Michael B. Tyler - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to appoint Mr. Tyler to the Athletic Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	

Abstaining: Mr. Carrigg

Board of Zoning Appeals - Bryan Clemenz; Library Board - Guerry K. Taylor; Planning Commission - Earl E. McLeod, Jr.; and Museum Commission - Kelley Mintz - A motion was made

by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Mr. Clemenz to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Mr. Taylor to the Library Board; Mr. McLeod to the Planning Commission; and Ms. Mintz to the Museum Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Rucker

Accommodations Tax Board - Patricia Rawl and Library Board - Carole R. Myers - A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Rucker to reappoint Ms. Rawl to the Accommodations Tax Board and Ms. Myers to the Library Board.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Museum Commission - Louise J. Riley - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Rucker to reappoint Ms. Riley to the Museum Commission.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Wilkerson

Bids/Purchases/RFPS - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that the following bids be approved:

Shingle Replacement - County Courthouse - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified contractors for Shingle Replacement on the County Courthouse. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended to award the contract to Land Roofing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$8,650.00 including sales tax.

Digital Cameras and Accessories - Various Departments - Information Services - Bids were

advertised and solicited for Digital Cameras and Accessories for various departments. Twenty-four (24) quotes were received. Staff recommended to award the bid to The Transit Point for a total cost of \$7,735.12 including sales tax.

LCD/Digital Projectors with Accessories - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of four (4) Sony Projectors and Accessories for Public Works and the Sheriff's Department through State Contract Number 03-S5324-A9000 in the amount of \$10,519.35 including sales tax.

Additional Telephone Module/Polaris Automation System - Sole Source - Library - Staff recommended the purchase of Additional Telephone Module/Polaris Automation System for Library Services to the sole source provider, GIS Information Systems. The County currently has a contract with GIS Information Systems that provides all Libraries with the existing Polaris system. The cost of the system is \$7,804.95 including sales tax.

Fleet Vehicle Replacement - Public Safety/EMS - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) New 2004 Ford F-450 Cab and Chassis for the Public Safety/EMS Department through State Contract Number 03-S5469-A9067 in the amount of \$44,131.16 including sales tax.

Stretchers - Public Safety/EMS - Competitive quotes were solicited and advertised for stretchers for the Public Safety/EMS Department. Seven (7) bids were received, which one (1) was a no bid. Staff recommended the bid be awarded to Matrx Medical Inc. in the amount of \$5,657.40

EMS Equipment and Accessories - Public Safety/EMS - Bids were solicited and advertised for EMS Equipment and Accessories for Public Safety/EMS. Ten (10) bids were received, which one (1) was a no bid. Multiple awards were made to the lowest bidders meeting specific requirements as follow: Tri-Anim Health Services-\$1,019.72; Emergency Medical Products-\$8,841.82; Southeastern Emergency Equipment-\$32,516.40; Aero Products Corp.-\$667.80; and MDS Matrx-\$6,186.60 for a total of \$49,232.34 including sales tax.

Personal Dosimeters, Dosimeter Reader & Software - Sole Source - Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Communications - Staff recommended the purchase of Personal Dosimeters, Dosimeter Reader & Software for Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Communications to the sole source provider, SAIC, as there are no distributors. Total cost is \$17,383.80 including tax.

Motorola MHZ Radios and Supplies - Solicitor's Office/Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase of five (5) Motorola 800 MHZ Radios and Supplies for the Solicitor's Office/Sheriff's Department through State Contract Number OIR2002.07. The cost including tax is \$28,089.21.

Installation of Carpet - Sheriff's Department - Staff recommended the purchase and Installation of Carpet for the Sheriff's Department through State Contract Number 03-S5790-A9686 in the amount of \$32,467.71 including tax.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick stated he would like the opportunity to review the usage of the Motorola MHZ Radios and Supplies before purchasing to make sure the County could not transfer radios from other departments to the Solicitor's or Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Derrick made a motion to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to delete the Motorola MHZ Radios and Supplies from the Bids/Purchases/RFPS.

Vote on Amendment

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson

Abstaining:	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Keisler
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Vote on Motion as Amended

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler

Mr. Carrigg asked what Council was going to do about the purchase of the Motorola MHZ Radios and Supplies.

Mr. Derrick replied, if the County does not have any spare radios that can be used by the Solicitor's or Sheriff's Department then Council will go ahead and purchase the new radios, but said if there are any spare radios that can be used, then the County needs to use them. Mr. Derrick stated staff was going to do an inventory to see if there were any extra radios and Council would address the issue at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Carrigg stated there are a number of radios for the Solicitor's and Sheriff's Office but he did not want a deputy with a broken radio, not have a radio, or them not having the requisite number of extra radios.

Mr. Rucker asked what is the lead time on ordering the radios?

Assistant Sheriff Tim James replied, for the programming and ordering of the radios, the specific type that is used for Lexington County, it would take two to three months.

Mr. Rucker stated Mr. Derrick asked that the radio inventory be brought up at Council's next meeting, which will be in four weeks, and asked if that would be devastating to the Sheriff's Department. If we wait four weeks, will that be okay?

Assistant Sheriff Tim James replied, absolutely not. We can wait.

Chairman's Report - Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority/Name change to: Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism - Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority name change to Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports and Tourism.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Carrigg stated the request for name change is because the Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority has gotten into the sports council.

Mr. Cullum indicated they (Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority) are the ones actually promoting the USC Pep rallies that are currently taking place at the Carolina Center.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson

Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15 - Mr. Davis announced September 15 - October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Information Services Grant Application for the Judicial System - Judge Westbrook - Mr. Davis stated he approved an Information Services Grant Application for the Judicial System on Friday, September 5 due to time constraints. He stated this grant is for money that is sometimes available for Information Services for the Judicial System and there are no matching County funds, personnel, etc.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Information Services Grant Application for the Judicial System.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson

Administrator's Report - Mr. Brooks announced that Assistant Sheriff Tim James has been named as Public Safety Director. He stated the Public Safety Director would be a liaison between the Law Enforcement and Public Safety agencies by coordinating Public Safety training, policies, procedures, equipment purchases and resource allocations such as consolidation of the emergency dispatch functions.

Mr. Brooks added Assistant Sheriff Tim James will serve in the capacity of the County's Public Safety Director in addition to his responsibilities as Assistant Sheriff for the remainder of the fiscal year in an interim capacity and had a budget amendment for zero dollars that would create the position of Public Safety Director within the County. Mr. Brooks stated the Sheriff's Department will continue to pay Assistant Sheriff Tim James.

Mr. Cullum asked if this position has an expiration date or a Homeland Security issue.

Mr. Brooks replied this position is created so Assistant Sheriff James could be in the interim in this position, but will be funded through the Sheriff's Department as he will continue with his duties as Assistant Sheriff, but as the County goes through the budget process for next year, it will be included in the budget and at that time Council would approve the Public Safety budget and continue the position.

Mr. Cullum stated it would be the possibility of a creation of a new position.

Mr. Brooks replied, that's correct; the recreation of a position that the County had up until 1995 of a Public Safety Director and an Assistant Public Safety Director. He stated since that time the County has coordinated EMS, Fire Service, and Communications either under the Administrator or through an Assistant County Administrator. He stated with the Homeland Security issues and all the coordination that needs to go on between the various departments, the idea of merging the communications centers would be a great benefit to the County as far as cost savings and time are involved.

Mr. Cullum replied, you are just integrating all your services.

Mr. Brooks replied, yes.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, that should have been done a long time ago.

Mr. Rucker stated one of the things that is important is the fact the County will bring together the Sheriff's Department and Communications and have one communications department and said that will be beneficial to the citizens of Lexington County and thanked Assistant Sheriff James for accepting this heavy load. He also stated this will release some of the load from the coordinators of the Fire Service, EMS and Communications.

Mr. Wilkerson stated he was glad to see that this is finally happening as it has been talked about for a long time and he appreciated all the work in finally getting this done.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were distributed and signed:

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$2,881.00 to cover the additional cost of paying the ADR employee her unemployment compensation when she terminated.

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$5,022,526.00 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital and operating items for Fire Service in the amount of \$1,558,541.00 and Law Enforcement in the amount of \$443,158.00.

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$67,349.00 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items for the Library.

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$840.00 for a federal grant from the South Carolina State Library through the Library Services and Technology Act to be used to send library personnel to "The 21st Century Learner" training session in Washington, DC.

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$81,959.00 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items for Solid Waste.

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$139,034.00 to appropriate carryover funds for items in a grant received after June 30, 2003 and for balance of funds in Grant Fund 2447 for the Multijurisdictional Anti-Terrorism and Gang Resistance Education & Training.

Supplemental decrease of \$64,597.00 whereas the US Marshal Service approved a new rate of \$35.76, which is an increase of \$2.79 per federal prisoner. The amount budgeted anticipated a rate of \$37.68, which would have been an increase of \$5.88 per federal prisoner. This reduction in revenue and personnel contingency reflects the approved rate.

Supplemental increase of \$44,472.00 received through an agreement with LRADAC for services by law enforcement officers to work Friday and Saturday evenings to enforce laws restricting sale of alcohol to youths.

Appropriation transfer of \$75,000.00 to cover the expenses of reconstruction and improvements to the drainage system that is serving the Bellemeade Subdivision. Since the original amount was budgeted, the cost of construction materials and labor have increased from \$100,000 to \$175,000.

Supplemental decrease of (\$46,753.00) to the annual appropriated budget, and redistributing funds as the federal award was less than anticipated for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

Supplemental increase of \$0.00 to establish the position of Director of Public Safety in the general fund. The cost is to be covered through June 30, 2004 from funds appropriated in the Law Enforcement budget for the assistant sheriff position.

Appropriation transfer of \$250,000.00 to purchase the Pelion Airport.

Supplemental increase of \$172,828.00 from a grant through the Department of Homeland Security to purchase items to enable our Cobra Response Team in the County of Lexington to be equipped to protect

the citizens in the event of terrorism attacks.

Supplemental increase of \$255,373.00 from a grant through the Department of Homeland Security to enable our First Response team in the County of Lexington, including the municipalities to protect the citizens in the event of terrorism attacks.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 12, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that the August 12, 2003 minutes be approved as submitted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson

Ordinances - Ordinance 03-6 - Alternate Method of Selecting Grand Jurors - 3rd and Final Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Rucker that Ordinance 03-6 be given third and final reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg

Ordinance 03-10 - Conveyance of Real Estate from Lexington County to SCDOT (Hwy 6 & Hwy 1) - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that Ordinance 03-10 be given first reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson

Ordinance 03-8 - Landscape Ordinance - Text Change - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Cullum that Ordinance 03- 8 receive first reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Jeffcoat

Ordinance 03-9 - Landscape Ordinance - Map Change - 1st Reading - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Cullum that Ordinance 03-9 receive first reading.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Jeffcoat

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment M03-05 - Portions of Counts Ferry Rd., Rocky Cove Rd., & Quail Trail - Announcement of 1st Reading - Mr. Davis announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M03-05.

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, B. Rucker, Chairman - State Mapping Grant - Mr. Rucker reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed a State Mapping Grant for the Assessor's Office. This is a \$10,000.00 grant that will assist the Assessor's Office in development of a multipurpose mapping program.

Mr. Rucker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carrigg that the Assessor's office move forward with applying for the grant.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Derrick

HUD - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - Mr. Rucker reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed the HUD- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mr. Rucker made a motion, second by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's recommendations that the HUD - Community Development Block Grant be amended by \$75,000 to \$175,000 for drainage improvements in the Bellemeade Subdivision.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Wilkerson

Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Grant Application to the Junior League of Columbia - Juvenile Arbitration - Mr. Carrigg reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed the Grant Application through the Junior League of Columbia. He stated this is a no match grant that will be used in Juvenile Arbitration.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion; seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that Juvenile Arbitration move forward with the grant application.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker

Worthless Check Unit - Solicitor's Office - Mr. Carrigg reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed the Worthless Check Unit for the Solicitor's Office. Mr. Carrigg stated currently the Magistrates handle bad checks where as they collect \$41.00 for the County. He stated the Worthless Check Unit would allow the Solicitor's Office to begin handling bad checks and the County would continue to receive the \$41.00 fee. This would enable the Solicitor's Office to handle more checks other than checks that go warrant and be allowed to charge the \$41.00 with the Magistrate's Office receiving credit, but the Solicitor's Office would also charge the individual a fee of \$50, \$100 or \$150 depending on the amount of the check over and above the \$41.00. This fee would be held by the Solicitor's Office as discretionary funds. Mr. Carrigg stated these fees would be used to defray costs for normal operating expenses of the Solicitor's Office, but not to reduce the operating budget according to the proviso.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated basically they are asking us to support the idea of starting this new process in the Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Carrigg stated Mr. Riddle has committed there would be no additional personnel hired to do this; this is a one-year pilot program. Mr. Carrigg said the reason Mr. Riddle has committed to hiring no new personnel is because at the end of one year, if the State decided not to let the Solicitor's Office move forward with the Worthless Check Unit, then the Solicitor's Office would have to terminate anyone who was hired.

Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to allow the Solicitor's Office to move forward with creation of the Worthless Check Unit pilot program with the stipulation that no personnel be added.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Cullum asked who would be doing the accounting of the collection of fees.

Mr. Riddle replied, we have been meeting all summer with people from the other Solicitors' offices, they are going to start this in four counties down in Beaufort, Randy Murdock's circuit, up in Rock Hill in Tommy Pope's circuit, and over in Florence in Ed Clement's circuit. We are only going to start it in the four counties right now because it is a pilot program and trying to start 46 different counties

Mr. Carrigg asked if it was the whole circuit or just Lexington County.

Mr. Riddle replied, no, just Lexington County is where we are starting it here. If it is successful and it works out, then we will have to go before the Councils of the other counties in the circuit with this same proposal and get their permission to do the same program. To answer your question, the accounting - we designed a program that will monitor not only guidelines that we have to follow and statute limitations and things like that, but it is also incorporates Microsoft money into that and it will do everything for us accounting wise, accounting for restitution, the merchant fee, the \$41.00 fee, the Solicitor's fee and it will even cut checks for us to send to whoever needs the money. It is all computer driven so once the check is in the system, the money aspect, we get the money in; it has to be entered into the computer with a receipt to be generated. So all of that will be

Mr. Cullum stated his question more specifically is who is going to perform the accounting procedures to take the monies and where they are going to be deposited, and who is going to audit that process. Is it going to come through the County's treasurer or is it going to stay with your office?

Mr. Riddle replied, yes and no is the answer to that question. He said under this we have to open a checking account and then what we have to do is collect the money and after we collect the money, I believe the contract calls for a quarterly basis, that money is all going to be remitted to the County and some of it is going into the General Fund, the \$41.00 goes into the General Fund and then Mr. Porth and his department would have to create a special revenue fund for the \$50.00 fee, but that account, except for restitution money, should, on a quarterly basis, basically be emptied except for unpaid amount of restitution. For example, if you had a check and somebody had partially paid it, we are not going to send you a check every time somebody brings in \$15.00 but once the check is totally paid then we will send you the check for all that.

Mr. Cullum said in reality this is just further penalization of having a bad check being prosecuted, is that correct?

Mr. Riddle replied, yes and no. He said I would agree with that; it is going to cost them more money, but

hopefully that will keep them from writing more checks.

Mr. Cullum replied he understood that but to get in his mind that the use of it is going to be for the sole discretion of the Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Riddle asked, the fee money?

Mr. Cullum replied, yes sir, up and above the normal fees now would be for your discretion for whatever reason.

Mr. Riddle replied, first it has to be used to pay for running the program, so it will be self-sustaining, and then any balance would be

Mr. Davis replied these dollars would be opened up as a special checking account, you will submit quarterly the fee that normally the Magistrate would submit, you will maintain the other \$50.00 at the discretion of the Solicitor for his spending.

Mr. Riddle replied, actually Mr. Porth will maintain that money because it would have to be transferred to a fund.

Mr. Davis responded, it will be transferred to the General Fund then you will submit requests for expenditures.

Mr. Riddle replied, no, it would not go into the General Fund, it would go into a restricted fund but it would be with Mr. Porth. It would not be a fund that is maintained by the Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Davis replied, right. Then you would submit a request for expenditures from that fund.

Mr. Riddle replied, correct.

Mr. Cullum replied, basically the Finance Director has somewhat oversight. He stated it was trying to achieve a check and balance system.

Mr. Riddle replied, he has oversight. He stated the statute itself provides that the County can audit the program.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Renaming Hope Ferry Landing to "James R. Metts

Landing”- Mr. Derrick reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed the renaming of Hope Ferry Landing to “James R. Metts Landing.”

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the cost, \$400.00, for fabrication and installation of the sign renaming Hope Ferry Landing to James R. Metts Landing.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Rucker stated, we are not renaming, we are only supplying the money.

Mr. Derrick replied, right. We are only supplying the \$400.00 to make the signs.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg

“C” Fund Paving Priority Listing - Public Works - Mr. Derrick reported that during the afternoon, his Committee met and discussed the “C” Fund Paving Priority Listing.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff’s recommendation for paving the first ten roads on the list. The ten roads are Pelion Rd. # 2- from #6 to existing pavement, Dunn Lane, Backman Dr., Elbert Taylor Rd. 2-from Calks Ferry to Pond Branch, Jayne Lane, S. Con., Pleasant Court, Bray Park Rd., Payne Lane, #1, Martin Neese Rd., #2, and Shannon Street.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg

“C” Fund - Road Paving List Every Two Years - Mr. Derrick reported his Committee met and discussed the “C” Fund Road Paving List Every Two Years.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff’s recommendation for a two year Priority Paving List so the County list priorities every second year rather yearly due to the manpower involved, and if the County sees the money becoming available ahead of time, the County would then create a list.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg

“C” Fund Economic Development Project - Mr. Derrick reported his Committee met and discussed the “C” Fund Economic Development Project to reimburse the developer for relocation of a portion of Woodrow Street as well as railroad crossing arms.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to contribute up to \$100,000 for the the Economic Development Project. He stated some State funds may be available and the developer is contributing \$150,000.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Wilkerson stated that he had talked with Dr. Guram and thinks it is a great idea but is confused regarding them (S.C. Internal Medicine Associates and Rehabilitation, L.L.C.) paying \$150,000. He indicated he thought this was a state road.

Mr. Fechtel, Director of Public Works, replied, a portion of a state road is going to be relocated.

Mr. Wilkerson replied, we are relocating part of a state road.

Mr. Fechtel replied, the intersection to St. Andrews railroad crossing and the major road going down into this development will be County maintained once they build it to County standards.

Mr. Wilkerson stated the total amount is \$300,000. He said if the State is willing to put some money forward and the total price is \$300,000, the developer is putting up \$150,000, half of that would be \$75,000 so why is the County deciding to put up to \$100,000 when the State is basically asking the County to do this also.

Mr. Fechtel replied at this point, the only funding DOT thinks is available is the match program, and the County is having problems with the requirements of that program. He stated they (SCDOT) do not know whether or not they are going to come up with any money at all. He said if SCDOT does come up with any money, the resurfacing is dollar for dollar match; under this type of intersection improvement the SCDOT would match a dollar to every two dollars spent toward the project, and said if it does qualify under that and County Council elects to do the match, then SCDOT could match up to \$100,000.

Mr. Wilkerson replied, then we could fall short possibly; the developer would have to put up the other monies.

Mr. Fechtel stated his recommendation was a maximum of \$100,000.

Mr. Cullum replied, it is a two for one. The County puts up \$100,000, the developer \$100,000, and they are only going to match up to \$100,000 because for every two dollars in, one dollar comes out.

Mr. Wilkerson replied, he understood, but the question was why the State is not willing to do half of the half.

Mr. Carrigg stated this is Woodrow Street, a four-lane St. Andrews Road with railroad tracks. He said they are relocating the intersection so it is directly across from Lexington Medical Center Urgent Care and putting a light there.

Mr. Wilkerson stated he has spoken with Dr. Guram and Mr. Fechtel and thinks it is a good idea, but feels more funds should come from the State.

Mr. Fechtel stated the last meeting with SCDOT, Commission Hardee was at that meeting, and the match program was realistically the only thing they put forth for a funding source for this project.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Rucker

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Pelion Airport - Mr. Jeffcoat reported his Committee met this afternoon and discussed the contract purchase of the Pelion Airport.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to move forward with the purchase of the Pelion Airport with adjustments made by Mr. Anderson, County Attorney.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Keisler asked whether the purchase of the Pelion Airport will require a tax increase.

Mr. Jeffcoat replied, no sir.

Mr. Rucker stated the Committee had talked about possibly setting up an Airport Commission consisting of individuals who are familiar with airports, airplanes, etc.

Mr. Davis replied once the purchase of the Pelion Airport is made then the Pelion Airport issue will be placed in Planning and Administration for review and suggestions to full Council regarding the establishment of an Airport Commission to oversee and manage.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
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Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Carrigg

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Rucker to go into Executive Session to receive the legal briefing.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Davis reconvened Council in open session.

Mr. Wilkerson had to excuse himself due to a prior commitment.

6:00 P.m. - Public Hearings - Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program - Evelyn Babbitt - Ms. Evelyn Babbitt, Grants Administrator, stated this is a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant which the County gets annually which is 90/10, ninety percent Federal. She stated it requires that the County have an advisory board consisting of a representative from the court system, the solicitor's office, school district, law enforcement, and a non-profit organization. She stated the Board met twice and developed recommendations for disbursement of funds. She stated since the Solicitor's Office received a Drug Court grant this year, the Board did not include any funding for that program nor was the school system recommended for any funding. Assistant Sheriff Tim James agreed that he would share his appropriation with any needs the schools might have through the school resource officers. SisterCare has been receiving \$6,000 through the Victims Bill of Rights, and use the funds for psychiatrists/psychologists that work with the people that are brought into their facilities. The Victims Bill of Rights program is short of funding due to the number of employees exceeding the income generated. The Board agreed to move \$6,000 to the Victims Bill of Rights program. The Magistrate Court System requested funds for security cameras for each court; the Board recommended \$6,000 be allocated for that purpose. The balance of the funds was recommended to go to Law Enforcement for supplies and equipment.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for comments. No Comments, in favor or against, were received.

Mr. Davis closed the public hearing.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session to receive legal and contractual briefings.

Mr. Davis reconvened Council in open session.

Mr. Rucker had to excuse himself due to a prior commitment.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Mr. Davis reported that Council received the legal briefing during Executive Session and discussed legal matters as well as contractual matters and there was one motion to be considered.

Commercial Oil Filter Disposal - Solid Waste - Joe Mergo - Mr. Derrick reported his Committee met and discussed a request from Joe Mergo, Director of Solid Waste to increase the fee for Commercial Oil Filter Disposal.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to change the Commercial Oil Filter Disposal fee from \$5.00 per 55 gal. drum to \$25.00 for a 55 gal. drum.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion, no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Keisler

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Black
Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman